

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on March 5, 2002

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Doug Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 11:00 AM in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of December 13, 2002 and February 20, 2002: Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company registered to operate in RI as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC). The Division has reviewed the registration and recommends approval.
3418 - Lightyear Communications, Inc.

After review, Chairman German asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies registered to operate in RI as Competitive Switchless Reseller (CSR). The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval.

2262(T16) – ECI Communications, Inc.

2262(S16) – Gold Line Telemanagement, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following CLECs and CSRs submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension.

3304 – McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

3028 – Qwest Communications

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

2472 - Sprint Communications

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions

2262(P10) – IDT America Corp. RI

2262(M1) – Talk America, Inc.

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):

The following Interconnection Agreements were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and amendments and recommends approval.

3417 – ICA & 1st amendment to ICA between Verizon RI and Dark Air Corporation

3416 – ICA between Verizon RI and Var Tec Telecom, Inc.

2691 – 1st Amendment to ICA between Nextel Communications of Mid-Atlantic

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the ICAs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3422 – Weston Telecommunications, LLC. – The Company filed a petition seeking Commission approval of the transfer of Easton Telecom Services, Inc. certificate and applicable tariffs. This petition is made pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement approved by Bankruptcy Court. After discussion, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the transfer of Easton's certificate and applicable tariffs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3421 – Urban League of Rhode Island – The Urban League filed a petition pursuant to RIGL 39-2-15.1 seeking that the Commission issue an order to provide for the temporary removal of wires and supporting fixtures by utilities in order to move a building to be used as affordable housing. Decision was postponed pending receipt of further information from the petitioner and Narragansett Electric.

1725 – Regulations Governing the Termination of Electric, Gas and Water Service:

The Commission determined that the current regulations needed to be revised and that Commission staff has drafted regulations intended to address and clarify concerns that were raised in this docket. Chairman Germani moved to open docket 3423 for the purpose of promulgating revisions to the current regulations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** It was noted that given the timeframe for conducting the rulemaking proceeding, new regulations would not be in effect until May 1. The proposed regulations, along with the procedural calendar for the docket, notice of hearing and the current regulations will be posted on the Commission's website under Rulemaking.

In view that the new regulations would not be in effect until May 1, Commissioner Racine asked for a motion to consider Henry Shelton's request to extend the winter moratorium. Commissioner Gaynor moved to extend the moratorium until April 30, 11:59 PM. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The Open Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.